Cases of Communal violence

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of communal violence were reported during the recent festive month;

(b) which were the affected areas;

(c) the figures of loss of lives and property;

(d) whether Government have ascertained the causes of such incidents;

(e) whether complicity of public servants have been observed in the cases of communal violence, if so, what steps are being taken;

(f) what steps are being taken to rehabilitate the victims; and

(g) whether Government are considering to evolve a comprehensive manual for the local administration to expeditiously contain and control the communal violence; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (f) 41 cases of communal incidents have been reported during the recent festive month i.e. October, 2005 in which a total 13 persons have been killed and 127 persons sustained injuries. The affected places were—Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Patan and Anand (Gujarat), Gurgaon (Haryana), Simdega, Dhanbad and Hazaribagh (Jharkhand), Dakshin Kannada, Balaghat, Bhadrakali, Davangere and Gadag (Karnataka), Dewas (Madhya Pradesh), Beed, Amravati and Pune (Maharashtra), Sambhalpur (Orissa), Pali, Rajsamand and Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Dindigul (Tamil Nadu), Meerut, Gonda, Varanasi, Mau, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Agra and Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh).

Under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects and registration of cases, investigation and prosecution are the primary concern of the State Governments. Hence details relating to loss of property, causes of such incidents, complicity of public servants in the communal violence and steps taken to rehabilitate the victims etc. are not maintained Centrally.

(g) Comprehensive Guidelines to Promote Communal Harmony have already been issued to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to expeditiously contain and control the communal violence. These guidelines contain steps to be taken with regard to prevention of communal riots, provision for relief/rehabilitation to the victims, effective utilization of Peace Committee mechanisms in defusing communal tension, restoration of normalcy in the affected areas etc.

Infiltration of Bangladeshi Nationals

†793. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladeshi infiltrators are being infiltrated with the help of BDR jawans;

(b) if so, whether Government have registered their protest with Bangladesh Government officially;

(c) the response of Government of Bangladesh thereto;

(d) whether Government have made any efforts at political level to check infiltration; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (e) The Government is aware of illegal migration/ infiltration from Bangladesh into India. There are reasons to believe that Bangladesh Rifles facilitate illegal infiltration into India. However, there is no concrete proof to establish this fact beyond doubt. The Government of India registers protests at various forums, whenever such incidents occur. The matter was also raised by the Director General, BSF during the recent DG level Border Coordination Conference held in September, 2005. The BDR denied any illegal movement of Bangladeshi nationals into India. However, they had assured to prevent any illegal movements across the border. The problem of illegal immigration has been frequently taken up by the Government of India with the Government of Bangladesh at all levels including at the political level. It has figured in the discussions between the Prime Ministers of both the countries on various occasions.

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